

The Artist-in-Residence Program offers two- dimensional visual artists the opportunity to pursue their particular art form amidst the scenic beauty and inspiring historical background of Independence National Historical Park.

About the Park

Independence National Historical Park contains much of colonial and early federal Philadelphia. Along these streets, amid these venerable houses and public buildings, Americans began their quest for freedom and Independence. Here, Thomas Jefferson stated the colonies' case in his Declaration of Independence. Here, too, the United States was born and its ideals written into a Constitution.

Other struggles for freedom began here, also. Americans of African ancestry pointed out the paradox between the elegant words of the Declaration of Independence and the cruel reality of slavery. Women began to question the male dominated society, and Native Americans faced cultural, economic, and social upheaval.

Today, quiet park settings sit along busy urban streets and the echoes of history can be heard by those who pause to listen.

About the Program

The Artist-in-Residence Program is a brand new program and is open to two professional American artists whose

work can be influenced and enhanced by the rich history and urban setting of Philadelphia.

Participants in the program will be provided a studio facility for four weeks. Towards the end of each individual



residency, the artist will be provided with an optional venue for exhibition and/or performance for the work created while in the park.

The artist must provide supplies and personal transportation. There is a \$500 stipend.

The artist will be asked to contribute a piece of work created during their tenure, to the park's collection. The artist will also provide a minimum of two interpretive programs. The park welcomes programs that collaborate with local schools.

The artist will be enrolled in the National Park Service's Volunteers-in-Parks Program which provides worker's compensation insurance. The artist should expect to work closely with the park staff and local community to achieve the goals of the program.

The Selection Process

A jury of representatives from the art community, the program coordinator and the Superintendent will select from the pool of applicants.

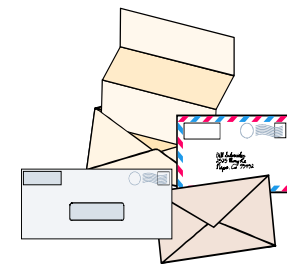
Selections will be made solely on the basis of merit and how the work can advance the mission of Independence National

Historical Park and the National Park Service. Selections will be made without regard to race, religion, sex, disability, marital status, age, or national origin.



How to Apply

Applications for the first residency program must be postmarked no later



than June 8, 2004. The selection will be made by no later than June 18. and all applicants notified as soon as possible. The

residency will run from June 28 through July 25. The second residency will run from September 6 through October 3. Applications must be postmarked by August 20. Your application must include:

➡ **Resume** (1-2 pages) and summary of creative work (exhibitions, collections and publications where your work has appeared)

➡ A **statement** describing what you hope to achieve from a residency at Independence and how you would prefer to complete your **interpretive programs** (school/public format).

➡ **Preferred residency date:** June 28 or September 6

➡ **Six 35 mm slides** from visual artists with a **list of the titles, sizes and media of the work.**

➡ a **non-refundable** application fee of \$10.00 is required. Checks should be made out to "Friends of Independence National Historical Park, Artist-in-Residence Program".

If application materials are to be returned at the end of the selection process, a self-addressed, stamped envelope must be included with the packet.

To submit an application-
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143 South Third Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

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